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FUNCTIONS OF THE HUNGARIAN SECURITY POLICEHungaria

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The headquarters of the Hungarian AVH (Allamvedelmi Hatosag, State Security Authority) is located in an eight-story building on Jaszai Mari ter. In addition to the general offices, the building also houses the files of the AVH, which contain a dossier on practically every inhabitant of the country.

The commander in chief of the AVH is MVD General Petrovich, and his Hungarian deputy is Colonel Lakatos. However, the latter name is a pseudonym. as, in general, most AVH officers use cover names. Colonel Lakatos adjutant is Captain Sin, a Soviet citizen. The medical department is headed by Lieutenant Colonel Balint, the business administration by Colonel Ersek and Captain Gyori, and the motor pool by Lieutenant Deri.

The personal safety of the leading party functionaries is the responsibility of a 1,200-man party guard headed by Lt Col Mihaly Jamtrik and Lt Col Lajos Horvath. A special detachment of the party guard is assigned as escort to the members of the Hungarian cabinet. The members of this detachment are men who deserted to the Soviet troops during the last war and received special training in the USSR. All officers have Hungarian names which are, however, cover names without exception. The names of some of the officers are: First Lieutenants Haraszti and Ferenc Csar and Sublieutenants Janos Lacsik, Istvan Voros, Jozsef Katona, Jeno Vaozi, and Benedek.

Matyas Rakosi's personal guard is Major Boda, and Erno Gero's guard is 1st Lieutenant Ferenc Csar.

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